<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>:

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 19-24 with the following paragraph.

--Fig. 6 is a flowchart illustrating one ~~example3~~ <u>example</u> of the first image-data

processing procedure in an image processing system according to this embodiment, which

corresponds to the PDL data processing at the print controller 102. Numerals 1 to 9 indicate the

step numbers.--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 17, line 25, and ending at page 18, line 7,

with the following paragraph.

--First, the system receives one unit of PDL data from the host computer 101 (step 1).

This one unit may be a few byte, one page, or one line as far as it fits to the processing. Then, the

system executes ~~taster~~ <u>raster</u> image processing (expansion) on thus received PDL data and then

writes it into the memory 106 (step 2). Next, the system checks whether data processing

(reception and expansion) of one page of the PDL data has been completed (step 3) and, if it

decides it is not completed yet, returns to step 1.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 25, lines 13-22 with the following paragraph.

--If it decides that the image-output prohibition signal has been added to the image

data sent from the printer controller 102, the system gives the host computer 101 or the operating

unit 250 warning display to the effect that ~~mage~~ <u>image</u> data specified to be printed out cannot be

output because it is production (see later-described Fig. 8A) and also, to prohibit the image data

being output, converts the image data all into a blank image and outputs it (step 12), thus

finishing its processing.--